

Appl. No. 10/681,497
Amdt. Dated Dec 5, 2005
Reply of Office action of Aug. 8, 2005

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel the following claims without prejudice: 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30.

Please modify the remaining claims as shown in the Appendix.

INTERVIEW COMMENTS

Applicant received Interview Summaries of 10/13/05 and 11/16/05 provided by the USPTO 10/13/05 and agrees these documents accurately summarize the interviews. Applicant has responded to the suggestions raised in the interview as follows: claims have been amended, declarations under 37 CFR 1.131 and 1.132 are filed with this response, additional material are included to show the lack of motivation to use calcium borate in wood plastics (including material showing calcium borate and zinc borate are comparable in tool wear), and additional information regarding issues with the Aida teachings as it relates to this present invention has been provided.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is requested.

Office Action (OA) Item 1: Information Disclosure Statement

The article "Protection of Oriented Strandboard with Borate" by Trek, et al is enclosed.

OA Item 2 : Double Patenting

The Office Action states: "Claims 1-11, 14-27, and 31 are provisionally rejected under